

Financial Hardship Form

- Required to fill this out in order to be considered for financial hardship funding
- Only applies to wastewater treatment facility construction projects
 - Forgivable Principal for the Preconstruction component (Design) of a Step 4 project may apply, but that's different

Criteria and Applicability

■ Criteria:

- Population $\leq 25,000$
- Without subsidy the project will result in sewer fees of $\geq 2\%$ of the Median Household Income (MHI) of the community
 - MHI in Appendix G of the SFY15 Funding Guidelines or via a valid Income Survey

■ Applicability:

- Only applies to existing residential need
- Does not apply to growth
- Does not apply to industrial, large commercial, or institutional customers

Subsidy Options and Limits

■ Subsidy Options

- Forgivable Principal Loan
- Centennial Grant
- Further reduced interest rates—down to 0%

■ Limits

- \$5 million/project combined Forgivable Principal Loan and Centennial Grant

Interest Rates and Grant/ Forgivable Principal Eligibility

Sewer Fee divided by MHI:	Below 2%	2% - 3%	3% - 5%	>5%
Hardship Designation:	Non-hardship	Moderate	Elevated	Severe
20-Year Loan Rates:	2.7%	1.8%	0.9%	0%
Grant/Forgivable Principal Eligibility:	Not eligible	50% (up to \$5M)	75% (up to \$5M)	100% (up to \$5M)

Getting to the Form in EAGL

■ General Information Form

- Under “*Project Category*” click the “*Wastewater Facility*” box
- Hit SAVE, and the Wastewater Facility Project Information Form becomes available

■ Wastewater Facility Project Information Form

- Answer NO to the question, “*Are you applying to refinance debt for a wastewater facility project that has been completed (i.e., standard refinance)?*”
- Answer YES to the question, “*Are you requesting financial Hardship assistance?*”
- Hit SAVE, and the Financial Hardship Form becomes available

Financial Hardship Form Sections

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Other Funding (Grants and Loans)
- Estimated Annual Facility Costs
- Population of Area Served by Project
- Number of Existing Ratepayers
- Monthly Sewer Fees
- Median Household Income (MHI)

Guidance on Population of Area Served

- Only include those responsible for paying for the project
 - Example: Local Improvement District
- If the project is not designed to accommodate growth, be sure the “Current Population” and the “Design Population” indicate that
 - Example: Shrinking population

Guidance on Existing Ratepayers

■ “Residential” includes:

- Single family residences
- Multi-family residences
- Local public facilities (e.g. fire station, schools)
- Small commercial customers
 - <3,500 gallons/day
 - <\$100,000 annual gross income

■ Commercial/Industrial/Institutional = all others

■ A single family residence = 1 ERU (equivalent residential unit)

■ Should determine ERUs for others by costs

A high-speed photograph of a water droplet falling into a pool of water. The droplet is captured mid-fall, just above the point of impact. Below it, a series of concentric ripples spread outwards from the center. The water is a deep blue color, and the lighting creates highlights on the droplet and the ripples.

QUESTIONS?